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Dear Mr. Gray:

In response to your letter of 25 June 1957 on the subject of Executive Order 12821, the Central Intelligence Agency shares the concern over the threat of covert acts to its facilities and is continually striving to develop and perfect more effective physical security standards and regulations.

The following information is submitted in accordance with your request:

1. The Agency occupies both Government and privately owned offices and buildings in the United States [REDACTED] all of which have been subject to physical security surveys.

2. The functions of the Agency as set forth in the National Security Act of July 26, 1947 (PL 253 - 80th Congress) briefly are to coordinate the intelligence activities of the Government departments and agencies in the interest of national security.

3. Throughout the Agency maximum physical security standards are in effect at all times, and all buildings occupied by the Agency are subject to extensive and intensive technical and physical security surveys prior to occupancy and periodically thereafter. Deficiencies noted during these surveys are immediately adjusted to conform with the security standards of the Agency. These physical security measures are considered adequate.

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This Agency is pleased to cooperate with you in the furtherance of Executive Order 10451 and will furnish additional information concerning our physical security program, if desired.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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